response to show-cause notices issued to SC/ST Officers for change of their seniority.

(b) and (c) The original seniority of the officers in question was retained.

(d) The show-cause notices have been withdrawn.

Opening of New Electronic Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh

100. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will be Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long waiting list for telephone connections in the different towns and cities of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the manner in which Government propose to meet this long demand;

(d) whether Government are opening new electronic exchanges in Madhya Pradesh to meet the growing demand of telephone aspirants; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the capacity of these proposed new electronic exchanges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Waiting List position as on 30.9.91 districtwise in Madhya Pradesh is given in the Statement *(see* below).

(c) As per draft 8th Plan proposals expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide by the end of the 8th Plan.

(i) telephones practically on demand in rural areas; and

(ii) to reduce the waiting period to within two years in larger systems.

Accordingly, the above waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the 8th Plan period.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Over 125 Electronic Exchanges are proposed to be opened in Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92. 42 exchanges out of these have already been installed. These exchanges consist of a variety of exchanges ranging from small electronic Exchanges of 64 ports to large Digital Electronic Exchanges.

Statement

Sl. No.	District	Waiting list as on 30.9.91
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	277
2.	Bastar	361
3.	Betul	322
4.	Bhind	548
5.	Bhopal	4937
6.	Bilaspur	1168
7.	Chhatarpur	280
8.	Chhindwara	582
9.	Damoh	302
10.	Datia	122
11.	Dewas	634
12.	Dhar	345
13.	Durg	3680
14.	Guna	494
15.	Gwalior	8479
16.	Hushangabad	453
17.	Indore	71807
18.	Jabalpur	7387
19.	Jhabua	138
20.	Khandwa	1304
21.	Khargone	720
22.	Kandala	161
23.	Mandsaur	938
24.	Morena	647
25.	Narsinghpur	186
26.	Panna	172
27.	Raigarh	239
28.	Raipur	4381
29.	Raisen	279
30.	Rajgarh	323
31.	Rajnandgaon	472
32.	Ratlam	1628
33.	Rewa	1316
34.	Sagar	1534
35.	Sarguja	552
36.	Satna	937
37.	Sehore	61
38.	Seoni	136
39.	Shahdol	407
40.	Shajapur	339
41.	Shivpuri	487
42.	Sidhi	286
43.	Tikamgarh	117

1	2	3
44.	Ujjain	2011
45.	Vidisha	499
	Total	122468

Telephone connections sanctioned by the Different Bodies of Delhi Telephones

101. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Casual Telephone connections and Temporary Telephone connections sanctioned by the (i) CMD, MTNL, (ii) Corporate Office, (iii) CGM, Delhi Telephones and (iv) other Officrs of Delhi Telephones per month since 1.1.1991;

(b) the number of OYT Telephones released/installed during the same period Delhi;

(c) whether installation of temporary telephone connections is becoming cheaper than OYT registration; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to curtail the powers of such Officers and to reduce the number of temporary/casual telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Officers are to use the powers judiciously to meet specific special demands for telephone as prescribed. It is therefore not desirable to curtail the powers.

Providing residential service telephone connections to Non-gazetted staff and others

102. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Delhi Telephones a large number of residential service telephone connections (including temporary service telephones) are being provided at the residence of Non-gazetted staff, drivers in the name of Officers and a matter of practice to all Class-II (Group B) Officers, more than one telephones connections at the residence of DETs and other senior Officers and the calls made to the residence of the CGM, Delhi Telephones are routed to 170 Exchange position;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the exact number of such connections as on 31st January, 1992 including the reasons thereof;

(c) what are the details of steps being teken to reduce such connections; and

(d) what is the amount of rental only that could have been fetched for the number of such residential service connections as on 31st January, 1992 had these been installed for the registers public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Connecting Post Offices with telephone connection

103. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan with Government to connect all Post Offices with telephone connections during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what would be the amount